

Mountain View



A newsletter by and for the Randolph Community, published by the Randolph Foundation

RMC News

By Doug Mayer

Without a doubt, the highlight of this past season for RMC was the dedication of Stearns Lodge, the club's new home for its caretakers and trail crew. Over 200 members, friends and partners attended the gala event this past July 15. The dedication marked the culmination of years of hard work by RMC's board, four separate committees, dozens of other friends and supporters, and over \$380,000 in generous gifts from every corner of the club.

At the event, RMC President Jamie Maddock and Fundraising Chair Ben Phinney unveiled the Stearns Lodge commemorative plaque, which reads, in part, that Stearns Lodge was, "constructed to house Randolph's trail crews and caretakers, who, for over a century, have been caring stewards of these mountains, this lodge stands as an inspiring symbol of the enduring hard work and good cheer of these men and women." Speakers at the event included Ben, Jamie, White Mountain National Forest Supervisor Tom Wagner, Stearns Foundation Director Gig Babson, and Judy Hudson, who shared a number of alternately poignant and amusing Anna Stearns anecdotes.

Already, the Lodge is proving its worth. This past summer, it served as the hub for RMC's workers, building a vibrant sense of community, and making coordination easier for the club's volunteer supervisors. The Lodge is drawing comments from RMC's mountain partners, too. One stunned AMC trail crew member, upon seeing the building, commented, "Oh my God! We're not allowed anything this nice!"

Tim Sappington donated his striking sketch of our trail crew returning to the Stearns Lodge after a day on the trails for use on the RMC commemorative Stearns' Lodge Dedication long-sleeved shirt. A limited number of the commemorative shirts are still available at Moriah Sports in Gorham for \$23.

In other news, just under 200 members attended the annual July 4 Tea, 16 RMC hikes were held and generally well attended, with numbers ranging from 4 to

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Randolph Path Now Protected

By Edith Tucker

Another piece of the trail protection puzzle on the northern slopes of the Presidential Range has fallen into place.

The Trust for Public Land has recently purchased what had been the last remaining unprotected stretch of the Randolph Path located on private land.

TPL's so-called Randolph Path Conservation Project contains sections of two hiking trails-the Randolph Path and the Sylvan Way-both maintained by the Randolph Mountain Club. The Randolph Path runs from Randolph East on the Pinkham B (Dolly Copp) Road, northwest of the site of the Boston and Maine Railroad's Randolph Station to the Gulfside at Edmands Col between Mt. Adams and Mt. Jefferson. Begun above treeline in 1893, the path below treeline was opened between 1897-1899, according to the RMC guidebook, "Randolph Paths."

"By preserving these 100 acres, TPL will ensure that all six miles of the Randolph Path are protected from start to finish, preserving opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts now and in the future to hike, camp, ski, snowshoe, and enjoy the area as they have for over a century," said Aaron Brondyke, senior real property specialist in the Northern New England Field Office for the Trust for Public Land (TPL), in Montpelier, Vermont, who has worked on several significant projects along Route 2 in Randolph and Jefferson.

This 100-acre project area is made up of two parcels-the former Campbell Parcel and the former Shepard Parcel, both approximately 50 acres in size. The project area is surrounded by conserved land. It abuts White Mountain National Forest (WMNF) on two sides, the Broadacres Trust Conservation Easement Area (with the easement held by the Society for the Preservation of New Hampshire Forests) on a third side, and the state-owned Presidential Rail Trail on the fourth.

This project is part of TPL's White Mountains Conservation Project, and in particular the White Mountain National Forest Trail and Trailhead Protection Partnership.

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Randolph Chief, Dana Horne

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RANDOLPH COLLOQUY

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TRASH COLLECTION Must be at roadside by 7 a.m.

Trash - every Tuesday; Recycling, sorted & bagged - 1st Thursday of every month.

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND Judy Kenison, Michelle Cormier, Michael Sewick

Community Calendar

(NOTE: For recurring meeting schedules see "Town Directory" on the left)

September

22 Yom Kippur

23 First day of Autumn

October

8 Columbus Day

14 National Children's Day

31 Halloween

November

4 Daylight savings time ends

6 Election Day

11 Veteran's Day

22 Thanksgiving

December

5 First day of Hanukah

7 Pearl Harbor Day

22 First Day of Winter

24 Christmas Eve Carol Service at the Randolph Church

26 Kwanzaa begins

31 New Year's Eve

Building Permits

Norris and Alice Tibbetts are building a garden shed.

William Parlett and Sarah Clemment are constructing a new home.

H. Guyford and Debra Stever are remodeling a bathroom and putting on a 6x12 addition.

REMINDER

Randolph property owners are responsible for ensuring that they or their builders receive any necessary permits before beginning any construction. Building permits must be approved by the Selectmen. The Selectmen need time to review all permits, so please remember to submit them early enough to allow that process.

"RMC", continued ...

27 for Judy Hudson and Doug Mayer's trail work and trail history hike. The annual meeting featured a fascinating talk and slide show by club member Ben English, co-author with his sister Jane of the "Our Mountain Trips," book series that recount his grandparent's tramps in the White Mountains, over 100 years ago.

On the trails front, RMC's crews ranged far and wide, undertaking substantial renovations to the upper reaches of Amphibrach, EZ Way, Wood Path, Diagonal, and rebuilding the steep, final descent to the Pond of Safety. Patrolling, drainage cleaning and brushing were performed on all trails. Volunteer work trips brushed sections of Castle Ravine Trail, Howker Ridge Trail, Ice Gulch Path and Crescent Ridge Trail.

Up at our camps, RMC was pleased to have two fabulous summer caretakers, Gretchen Grebe and Chris Carlson. Both proved excellent mountain hosts and hard workers. Projects accomplished include oiling of the floors at Gray Knob and Crag Camp, a new chimney cap for Gray Knob, new steel-grate (aka "crampon catcher") steps at Crag, and installation of several replacement windows at Crag, the need for which resulted from an intense April blizzard. Routine annual projects included composting of waste, hauling and splitting firewood with the trail crew, and light brushing on a few of the trails around the camps.

RMC's web site caretaker, Jeff Smith, reports that he welcomes photos of Randolph, RMC's trails, camps and events, for the homepage. You can email him directly via the web site at randolphmountainclub.org. Jeff has recent added a page that uses Google Earth, to display aerial photos of the area covered by RMC's paths. The results can be seen at www.randolphmountainclub.org/aboutthermc/rmcmap.html. Look for a sign auction later this fall, featuring signs retired from RMC's paths.

RMC welcomes two new board members this fall, Regina Ferreira and Jim Baldwin, who replace outgoing members Guy Stever and Marie Beringer. We thank Guy and Marie for their service to the club, and welcome Regina and Jim to the club's board.

Looking ahead, the club has a number of excellent caretakers already hired. Our fall caretaker will be Leslie Ham, who served on the trail crew this past summer. The winter caretakers will be Sally Manikian and Mike Street. Sally served as RMC's spring caretaker, and has worked for a number of seasons at AMC shelters. They will split the Gray Knob winter caretaker's job, working week-on, week-off. Both are energetic and upbeat, and will provide friendly faces during the long, chilly months on RMC's paths. Our paths have their own, unique feel in the fall, winter and spring. We encourage you to experience the mountains during these quieter times, and drop in and say hello to Sally and Mike.

"Trail Protected", continued ...

Since 1998 TPL has worked with the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) and the White Mountain National Forest to protect National Forest hiking trails that originate on or cross private land. So far, the Partnership has conserved six properties, totaling over 14,000 acres, and permanently protected four trailheads and over 20 miles of trail, including portions of the Pond of Safety trail network, Piper Trail, Moat Mountain Trail, Owl's Head Trail, Red Ridge Trail, Davis Path, and Castle Trail.

The Randolph Path Corridor will also help maintain critical habitat for wildlife, especially for wide-ranging mammals such as black bear, moose, and the state-endangered Canada lynx, that require large areas of unbroken forestland to thrive.

This project connects the recently conserved Broadacres Trust property and the Moose River Conservations Area (protected by TPL in 2004) with the WMNF, protecting an in-holding in the important wildlife and recreation travel corridor.

TPL is a national nonprofit organization conserving land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, and natural areas, ensuring livable communities for generations to come. Since its founding in 1972, TPL has helped protect more than two million acres of land nationwide, including over 210,000 acres in the Granite State. TPL depends on the support and generosity of individuals, foundations and businesses to achieve its "land for people" mission.

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Craig Malick splitting wood.
Photo by Dave Tomlinson.

Randolph Remembers

Danny Gemmiti

Danny Gemmiti, 77, beloved husband and father, formerly of Randolph, passed away on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007 from complications of heart disease.

He was born Donato Rocco Gemmiti on September 23, 1929 in Cascade, Gorham, New Hampshire, the son of Francesco and Caterina (Porretta) Gemmiti. His name was Americanized to Donald R. Gemmiti during World War II while attending St. Benedict's Elementary School. He graduated from Berlin High School in 1948, president of his class, manager of the Ski Team, a founding member of the Key Club, Student Council member and a football star. Dan also was a skate manager at his Uncle Dominic Porretta's Shelburne Inn Dance Hall and Roller Skating Rink in Shelburne, New Hampshire.

He attended Lincoln Electric Welding School, Keene Teacher's College and held a Master of Education from Columbia Pacific University.

Dan was employed by the Atomic Laboratories in Schenectady, New York and served in the US Navy (1951-1955), based in Melville, Rhode Island at the Naval Net Depot; in Groton, Connecticut at the US Navy Submarine Base; and Norfolk, Virginia based mainly off the Submarine Tender, USS Fulton.

Before and after the Navy he was employed as a welder/supervisor for the Brown Company where he was also a shop steward. He set up and taught the Berlin High School Welding Program with its two year curriculum and that was his most favorite adventure. He also taught the Diversified Occupations and STEP Programs as well as adult "Manpower" courses. He loved his students and truly enjoyed teaching and inspiring others to learn.

He loved to travel and did lots of it, including crossing the USA several times and circling the globe twice. A lifetime adventure took him to Cirebon, Indonesia where he worked for Pertamina Oil Company developing a maintenance and repair facility.

This very successful project took two years and won him a lot of recognition from Pertamina and directly from the Indonesian president.

Hawaii was next, and Dan's welding engineering skills served him and the country well at the Naval Shipyard in Pearl Harbor until he was transferred to the Sup Ship in San Diego, and there he saved the country mega dollars with his innovative underwater welding techniques. The Dairy Joy in Gorham, New Hampshire (now Mr. Pizza) was built and run by Dan and his family and it provided a summer job of fun and a welcome pay supplement to a teacher's salary. Dan owned and designed the beautiful RayCrest subdivision in Randolph as well as designing building and landscaping three of the homes. He had a great love for his family, friends, sports, and life in general.

Trophies for many sports events were evidence of his athletic ability. He was AV Country Club champ more than once, loved playing Pro-Am New England golf, and had many bowling and skiing championships.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, the former Patricia Lawrence and his daughter, Catherine Gemmiti of Billings, Montana; two aunts, Lorraine Porretta of Fort Meyers, Florida and Rena Guerin of Berlin; a niece, Carol LaTorre of Schenectady, New York; nephews, Kenneth Corcoran of Charlestown, New Hampshire, Paul Gemmiti of Delanson, New York and Thomas Gemmiti of Albany, New York; plus numerous other loved ones. In additions to his two younger children and his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers: Joseph Gemmiti of Schenectady, New York and Mario Gemmmiti of Gorham, New Hampshire.

Calling hours were July 19, 2007 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Fleury-Patry Funeral Home, 33 Exchange Street, Gorham. "Dan" often said that his only regrets were the loss of his daughter Debra when she was four years of age and his son Franky when he was barely five, and he was buried with them in the Holy Family Cemetery, Church St., Gorham on July 20, 2007 at a graveside service. Father Daniel Sinibaldi offered the committal prayers.

Reprinted courtesy of The Berlin Reporter, July 18, 2007.

John W. Stewart

John Westcott Stewart, Ph.D., 80, of Charlottesville, Virginia, and Randolph died on Wednesday, June 20, 2007. Born on November 15, 1926 in Princeton, New Jersey, he was the son of the late John Quincy and Lillian Westcott Stewart.

He attended Princeton Country Day, Lawrenceville, New Jersey and Princeton University. He was drafted into the Army in 1944. He served his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and was then assigned to the Manhattan Project in Los Alamos, New Mexico. He completed his A.B. at Princeton University in 1949. He did research in the field of High Pressure, Low Temperature. He obtained his M.S. and Ph.D. in Physics from Harvard University in 1954 where he studied under Percy Bridgman.

In 1954, he married Anne Smith. He moved to Charlottesville while maintaining a summer home in Randolph. In 1954 he joined the faculty at University of Virginia, where he taught until 1994. In addition to teaching Physics and Meteorology he worked in the Office of the Dean of Admissions, was advisor to pre-medical students, was advisor to Echols scholars and was a Faculty Marshal. In 1994, he was appointed Professor emeritus for his many contributions to the University.

Mr. Stewart, on sabbatical from UVA from 1962 to 1963, worked for the Bureau of Standards in Boulder, Colorado. In 1967, he published *The World of High Pressure*. He published articles in the *Physical Review*, *Journal of the Physics and Chemistry of Solids*, *Journal of Chemical Physics*, and *Weatherwise*. He contributed chapters to *Modern High Pressure Techniques*, *Physics of High Pressure*, and *The Condensed State*.

He was a member of the American Physical Society, American Association of Physics Teachers, and Sigma Xi, the scientific research society. In 1965, he was awarded The President's and Visitor's Research Prize from the Virginia Chapter of Sigma Xi.

He was very active in Randolph Mountain Club, president and chairman for Trails and Trips; was supervisor of trail crews, and the author of an updated edition of "Randolph Paths." Jack had a lifelong love of hiking

in Virginia and the White Mountains.

He taught himself Meteorology, kept detailed weather records and advised family members and hiking club friends about the coming weather. He shared his love of hiking and mountains with many people. Jack was a loyal fan of UVA sports for 53 years, especially football, basketball, and baseball. Listening to opera music was a major passion. He also loved to travel the world by railroad.

He leaves his second wife, Deborah Scott Stewart; a daughter, Christine White and son-in-law Stephen White; five grand-children, Christine, Sarah, Stephen, Amelia and Westcott, all of Charleston, South Carolina; step-children, Paul and Debra Ernsberger, Dan and Lisa Ernsberger, and Gail Ernsberger Mathabane and husband Mark; and six step-grand-children, Tim, Bianca, Nathan, Stanley, Henry and Scott.

His first wife Anne died previously.

A memorial service was conducted on Saturday, June 23, 2007 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville. A second memorial service was conducted on August 5 at the Randolph Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts are suggested to the Randolph Mountain Club, P.O. Box 279, Gorham, NH 03581 or to the Mount Washington Observatory, P.O. Box 2310, North Conway, NH 03860.

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Editor's note: Jack Stewart contributed many informative articles to the Mountain View and the list includes the following: Hurricanes in Randolph, 10/1991; Snow!, 12/1991; More About Snow, 4/1992; Whatever Happened to Summer, 10/1992; Randolph Weather Records, 12/1992; Weather Summary, 12/1996; Ice Storm: Why Did it Happen?, 4/1998; Did El Niño Cause the Ice Storm?, 4/1998; The Klaus Goëtze Trails Workshop, by Jack and Rolf Goëtze, 9/2000; New Seasonal Housing for RMC Has an Earlier Connection to Randolph Paths, by Doug Mayer and Jack, 9/2001; Drought 2001, 6/2002; and Drought Update, 9/2002.

Every Cloud Has a Silver Lining

By Dave Tomlinson

Last year Auvie Kennison and I had a miss-communication over mowing the Durand Lake area. I called him in late October asking, "When do you plan to do the mowing?" He replied, "I was wondering if you were ever going to call me." By that time the ground was too wet with a threat of early snow and Auvie was too busy. So the mowing did not get done and now the area looks like a bush.

Out of this mess came a wonderful thing. Anyone who has been around the Tennis Court area or at the south side of Durand Lake has been greeted by a field of Blue. Blueberries that is. In my thirty plus years of living next to this wild farm I have never seen such a prolific crop of blueberries. We started picking in mid July and the picking just gets better each week and here we are in mid August. My initial thought was perhaps we should stop mowing but I decided to do a little research on what makes blueberries grow. On the University of Maine web site I found lots of info as Maine grows 25% of all wild blueberries marketed.

Wild blueberry fields are pruned by mowing every other year. The new stems grow from the rhizomes just under the surface and start to bud in the fall. The next year they blossom and bear fruit in July and August. The mild winter was good for berries but not for skiing. The tight buds can withstand temperatures to -4F and flowers to +28F. The acid rain that is killing the trees due to nutrient depletion is great for the blueberries, they like a ph of 4.0.

So what can we do to keep this great crop coming? It would seem that designating a couple of areas for blueberries and mowing these areas on an alternating basis will fit best management practices. Acid rain should take care of the ph until we get serious about saving our planet. Pray for an early snow that will give the blueberries a good winter blanket and great skiing while we eat our blueberry muffins and pie made from the abundant crop we froze this summer.

Real Estate Transactions

May 7, 2007

From: William J. Woodward
To: Joseph F. McDonald, III, Trustee of the Judy K. Woodward Marital QTIP Trust
Warranty deed

May 11, 2007

From: Nurnet Bader
To: Paul S. & Michelle L. Cyr
Warranty deed

May 16, 2007

From: Estate of Terry Corrigan
To: Lee T. Corrigan
Fiduciary deed

May 21, 2007

From: Estate of Eleanor Barschall
To: Anne E. Barschall & Peter H. Barschall
Fiduciary deed, 1.10 acres

May 21, 2007

From: Estate of Eleanor Barschall
To: Anne E. Barschall & Peter H. Barschall
Fiduciary deed, 2.25 acres

May 29, 2007

From: David Tomlinson
To: David L. Tomlinson, Trustee of the David L. Tomlinson Trust
Quitclaim deed

June 1, 2007

From: S. Wayne Shepard
To: The Trust for Public Land
Warranty deed

June 12, 2007

From: David & Monika M. Eisenbud
To: David & Monika M. Eisenbud, co-tees of the Eisenbud Revocable Living Trust
Warranty deed

July 11, 2007

From: Anne H. Rounds
To: John S. Rounds, Jr.
Quitclaim deed

July 13, 2007

From: David C. Kenison
To: Anne L. Kenison
Quitclaim deed

July 23, 2007

From: Catherine H. Stephenson
To: Howard A. & Martha C. Wenk, Trustees of the Howard A. Wenk Family Trust
Warranty deed

AVER Education Task Force

By Kathleen Kelley

The Androscoggin Valley Economic Recovery Corporation was formed to promote and encourage the development of business and economic development activities, to create and preserve employment opportunities and to protect the physical environment and the character of the communities in the region comprising the Androscoggin Valley. AVER acts through Task Forces with a regional view towards forming coalitions and strategic alliances to act on opportunities to improve the economy. The AVER Education Task Force is one of the original coalitions to partner with UNH to evaluate the conditions and opportunities of the educational organizations in this region.

The Androscoggin Valley has two public school districts, a community college, access to Granite State College an arm of the University of New Hampshire system, two accredited childcare centers, a private catholic kindergarten, and a private Christian elementary school. A below average educational attainment level is no longer a reasonable expectation of this region with all of these high quality programs available to pre-school children through adult learners. But today, with mounting state deficits and budget cuts, public education and Northern New Hampshire's future prosperity is at risk.

The region's public schools and community college attract highly qualified teachers, and professors who, in turn, attract research funding, start new companies, and generate jobs. The AVER Education Task Force wants to create fertile ground for new ideas, attract more high-skilled workers, and become a magnet for the "creative class," all of which will add to the Androscoggin Valley's vitality and quality of life. We have partnered with NH Employment Security to develop the "My Town, My Job, My Future" program. We have worked closely with JobPro to expand the entry level job training opportunities. We are developing an "I Came Back" program to encourage young adults to come back to the region with their families and participate in our growing economy. The economic downturn of the paper industry in early 2000 has caused the AVER leaders to focus renewed energy into expanding educational opportunities such as Career And Technical Education, School to Career Programs, Jobs for American Graduates, Project LEAD the Way, Running Start, and Early College.

The AVER Education Task Force is made up of Superintendents, Principals, the Vice President of the NH Community College, Employers, School Board Members, Child Care Center Executives, Employment Security members, NH Prison Directors, and from time to time others of special interest groups. We are committed to raising the educational attainment levels and improving the quality of employees so our region's businesses can grow and be prosperous. We are also committed to finding ways to partner with each other across school district, town, and other organizational boundaries to use efficiently the limited resources available for education.

Feathers on the Trail

By Alison Tomlinson

A chunky hawk let me know that he had a stake in the Bee Line with his shrill call and large flapping wings. The banding on the feather I found indicated that it was possibly the broad-winged hawk, a Buteo that is identified by white bands about as wide as the black on the tail. He looked impressive flying from tree to tree with a grand swoop. Breeding grounds are probably local with plenty of small rodents to feed on in our yards and on the paths.

According to an article by Bob Hatch, "Randolph Hawks" in the December 15, 1995, *Mountain View*, Randolph hawks are either Buteos, or buzzard hawks, Accipiters, considered "true" hawks by some, Falcons, and Harriers, also known as the Marsh Hawk. Characteristically, the hawk notified me of his presence with a "wheezy, drawn out 'kweeee'" when I interrupted his search for unwary rodents and snakes.

The raptor I saw was probably a broad-winged Buteo who will eventually fly south with the rest of his species in the fall.



Buteo or red-shouldered hawk. Image from University of Michigan web site on animal diversity (animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/)

Update on Friends of the Randolph Library Activities

By Marie Beringer

So far the year starting January 2007 has been full of activities that the Friends of the Randolph Library have planned. Our 2008 calendar available for purchase now, includes scenes around Randolph that enriched our lives, with photos contributed by many of us.

During the winter the Friends hosted a wonderful pot luck dinner and slide presentation on the Mount Washington Auto Road by Howie Wemyss and a successful sledding party and chili get-together for families. In June the Friends in cooperation with Howie Wemyss arranged a tour of the Alpine Gardens on Mount Washington, filling 3 vans over two days. The first week of July was busy with a benefit concert by Bill Minifie followed a few days later by the second annual Duck Race. The Berlin Jazz Band Picnic, though indoors because of weather, was very well attended as was the annual Book and Bake sale.

On September 11th, the Friends sponsored a lecture on Afghan Women at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. The program helped the audience better understand the complex cultural issues of Afghanistan. The two speakers were Jennifer Fluri, a scholar focusing on relations in Afghanistan and Rachel Lehr, a linguist, artist, and founder of Rubia (the Afghan woman's handwork project). Their lively program included still and film images with material artifacts, ethnography, personal stories, and geopolitical data.



Tom Wallace, architect, and Larry Jenkins showing the space at the new library.
Photo by Alison Tomlinson.



Town Hall under construction.
Photo by Dave Tomlinson.



Library and Town Hall construction from the back.
Photo by Dave Tomlinson.

Speaking of Things Yellow

By Yvonne Jenkins

As fall approaches, so do some milestones at the Randolph Public Library. This October will mark the final "Winter Books Day" as we have known it, as preparations for moving into the new Library will begin later this fall. The final summer of activities in the old schoolhouse emphasized a bright and exciting future of Library operation in Randolph.

The second annual Ducks on the Moose River Festival, which brought the community together along with visitors and our neighboring towns in a carnival-like atmosphere in one of the finest settings our valley has to offer, was a huge success. This important fundraiser helps to support both the Library and the Fire Department, who kick off the event with a delicious pancake breakfast. A total of \$3,900 was raised for the library and will be used to help cover some of the expenses that will come with setting up the new library. The Fire Department was very generous in working with the library this summer by feeding the "Stuck Duck Patrol" before the Duck Race as well as in their efforts to move equipment at various times to accommodate activities that would normally take place in the Town Hall, including a Children's concert in June, the Berlin Jazz Concert in July, and the Book & Bake Sale in August.

The collection continued to grow with many donations of materials, but two significant gifts were accepted and are worth noting:

Al & Judy Hudson contributed the following publications:

The 1927 Flood of Northern New England: A Perspective from the Files of Louis F. Cutter.

Two Notebooks of Charles E. Lowe: A Record of Ascents in the Northern Presidentials, 1875-1891 and Register of "The Rookery", an Attraction Associated with the Mount Crescent House, 1902-1904.

The Diaries of Eldena Leighton Hunt, 1896-1910 (transcribed, indexed, and annotated) and A Companion to the Eldena Diaries.

These are just a few of the publications that have been produced through the Randolph History Project (see *complete article in June 15, 2007 Mountain View*) and will become part of the invaluable local history collection in the new White Mountain Room.

In addition, Fred Hubbard has gifted his entire collection of approximately 1,200 movies in various formats,



Stuck Duck Patrol, most of whom were members of GMHS National Junior Honor Society. Photo by Yvonne Jenkins.

covering all genres. The small sample made available in the library this summer was in constant use.

And finally, we have an update on the progress of the Town Hall Expansion/Library Project. The scheduled completion date is the end of November. Local involvement in the project includes: John Oleson of Jefferson as the Superintendent overseeing the project for Glen Builders; Louis Memolo is the framing contractor; White Mountain Lumber is supplying building materials. Five hundred board feet of ash and maple were harvested from the Randolph Town Forest and is air drying to be used next summer for various pieces of furniture and finish details within the Library and Town Hall. As for the Library portion of the project, construction will be followed by several months of retrofitting, building, and installing of shelves to accommodate the collection. The anticipated move in will take place during the spring with opening day on the first Saturday in June. The Schoolhouse building will go back to the Town, and its future use is yet to be determined. I'm reminded of the recent children's book [The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane](#) by Kate DiCamillo, (Cambridge, MA : Candlewick Press, 2006) which follows the extraordinary life and journeys of a china rabbit, who over his lifetime has been loved, abandoned, sometimes neglected and ignored, but always loved again. The opening of the renovated Town Hall / Library Edition will bring new life to our Community, but so too will it bring something new to our Little Yellow Schoolhouse.

Randolph Foundation Annual Meeting

By Dave and Alison Tomlinson

The August 17th meeting, held in the Randolph Church was opened by outgoing president John Mudge introducing the new president Cathy McDowell. John noted that he had been asked to join the Board of Incorporators by Cathy many years ago. What goes around comes around. John thanked the Board members for their support during the 5 years of his presidency. Cathy responded that 5 years was something we might have to work on. She also commented on the fact that Randolph was one of the early communities to establish a foundation dedicated to serving and improving the community. She then asked for committee reports.

Scott Meiklejohn reported on the efforts to move foundation assets from individual stocks into mutual funds and bonds to reduce exposure. The assets have risen significantly in the last three years.

Alison Tomlinson reported for the Communications committee on a new column in the *Mountain View* to cover births and weddings called "Round About Randolph"; this is actually a column first initiated in the June, 1992 *Mountain View*. You need to submit the information to the editor. Only received items, by the deadline, will be printed.

Lynn Hunt reported the scholarship system of providing \$450 and \$600 per semester for college and honors college students was continuing, however the "wicked witch" (her words) was ending the practice of chasing students down to give them money. Students take note. Get your applications in to Lynn or wait until next semester.

Bill Demers reported the Lifeline committee was serving several residents in need of this service and will be

passing this responsibility on to another as he had completed his term on the board. Thanks Bill for your continued surveillance of this system.

Dave Tomlinson reported on improvements to the Ravine House lawn and a new net for the tennis court. He thanked volunteers Phil Geyser for unplugging the water inlet pipe from Schneider Brook; Jim Baldwin for replanting the elm tree; and Jean Malick and Julie Barrow for maintaining and improving the Ravine House site garden. There seemed to be good support for the proposed handicapped trail around the lake which is a future RMC-Foundation joint venture. Dave also commented on the efforts he and Roger Wilson experienced when recruiting Cathy for the president's position. He encouraged everyone to step up to the plate and help with this daunting task.

There was no Research report. John says this committee needs a boost.

In a request from the floor, Michael Bronnert asked about grants approved by the Foundation this year. John responded with a list of: RMC, Ravine House lawn repair, gardens in Berlin, the Randolph Public Library, the Colloquy, the Gorham Theater and Bill Demers' child's trip to England.

Cathy handed out a Randolph Foundation Community Survey and requested input from those present; please fill out the questionnaire and return it to Cathy.

Cathy acknowledged the efforts of John Mudge on behalf of the Foundation by saying "I hope I can be as steadfast and true as John has been."

The meeting ended, in a timely fashion, just before dark as there are no lights outside the church.



New Randolph Foundation president, Cathy McDowell, thanking outgoing president, John Mudge. Photo by Alison Tomlinson



Sign and Fairy Houses on the way to Mossy Glen. Photos by Marie Beringer.



Fall Hunting Season Dates

Bear	
Sept. 1—Nov. 20	
Deer	
Archery	
Sept. 15—Dec. 15	
Youth Weekend	
Oct. 27—Oct. 28	
Muzzleloader	
Any deer	Nov. 3—Nov. 4
Antlered only	Nov. 5—Nov. 13
Firearm	
Antlered only	Nov. 14—Dec. 9
Moose	
Oct. 20—Oct. 28	
Ruffed Grouse	
Oct. 1—Dec. 31	
Fisher	
Dec. 1—Jan. 31, 2008	
Snowshoe Hare**	
Oct. 1—March 31, 2008	
Turkey	
Archery only	Sept. 15—Dec. 15

**No person shall take hare or rabbits by use of a snare.

This information is found courtesy of the state website www.wildlife.state.nh.us.



Kai Parlett painting Mom, Sarah Clemmitt's face at the Duck Race. Photo by Yvonne Jenkins.

Round About Randolph

This column first appeared in the June 15, 1992 issue of the Mountain View. We will be printing wedding and birth announcements when they are submitted to us. We will only print announcements that you send to us regarding Randolph residents and their families

Carol Foynes Sandin and Walter Richard Woodruff were united in marriage on May 12, 2007, at Christ Church, Exeter, New Hampshire. The couple resides in Newmarket.

Kelly Frances Gilligan and Michael Crispin Mace exchanged vows on July 28, 2007 at St. Anne's Church, Berlin, New Hampshire. The couple resides in Sacramento, California.

David and **Alexandria Dery Snider** welcome Henry Davenport Snider, born at their home in Washington, DC on August 16th.

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Please submit any articles, photos or news for the December *Mountain View* to Alison Tomlinson at treehome@ne.rr.com or 204 Durand Road, Randolph, NH 03593 by November 15th.

Please Help!

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